

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3, 4, 6-9, 11-41, 68-73 and 76-78 are pending herein. Claims 14-41 are allowed. Claim 76 has been amended as supported by Fig. 1 and page 47, lines 8-12 of the present application, for example. New independent claim 77 corresponds to the previously presented claim 76 and includes subject matter supported by Fig. 2 and page 49, lines 2-7 of the present application, for example. New independent claim 78 corresponds to previously presented claim 76 and includes subject matter supported by Fig. 31 and page 11, line 17 of the present application, for example. Claims 8, 11-13 and 68-73 have been amended in light of the cancellation of claim 10 and the amendments made to claim 76.

1. The rejection of claims 3, 4, 6-13 and 68-76 is noted, but deemed moot in view of the rewritten claims submitted above.

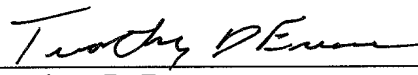
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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